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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER**  
**TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 1, 3-15 and 17-25 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed December 15, 2006.

Also enclosed herewith is a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review in accordance with the New Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Program as set forth in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Official Gazette Notice Published on July 12, 2005, and a Petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, thereby extending said period of response from May 22, 2006 to June 15, 2006.

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